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Football vote off SGA ballot for fall

Students start petition to show support of programs to UT system

Morgan Jones
Editor in Chief

Student referendum leader and senior Steven Goud officially removed the football referendum from the Student Government Association ballot on Wednesday, after being advised to by officials.

The referendum was scheduled to be included in the SGA ballot on Sept. 24 and 25. The referendum would have given students the opportunity to vote whether they wanted to raise student athletic fee to cover a football program.

The University of Texas Board of Regents advised University President Dr. Rodney Mabry to

discourage the referendum this semester since the board was not in support of fee increases.

The regents held meetings on Aug. 21 and 22 where Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Pedro Reyes informed Dr. Mabry that the board wouldn't support any fee increases, Dr. Mabry said.

"They haven't made a decision as regents but they talk at just about every meeting about keeping costs down for students and not doing things that would add to tuition or would require an additional fee," Dr. Mabry said. "There's really just a general statement of not going that direction, at least not right now."

Since the referendum is no longer an option, Goud and senior marketing major Serena Bryant have started an official petition with the goal to obtain 2,000 student signatures to present to the regents by October. Goud and Bryant are both officers of Enactus, a student entrepreneurial organization, and have used their organization's networks to gather other student support.

The petition is not supporting a fee increase, like the earlier referendum, but is the students' voice for the continued interest of having football on campus, Bryant said.

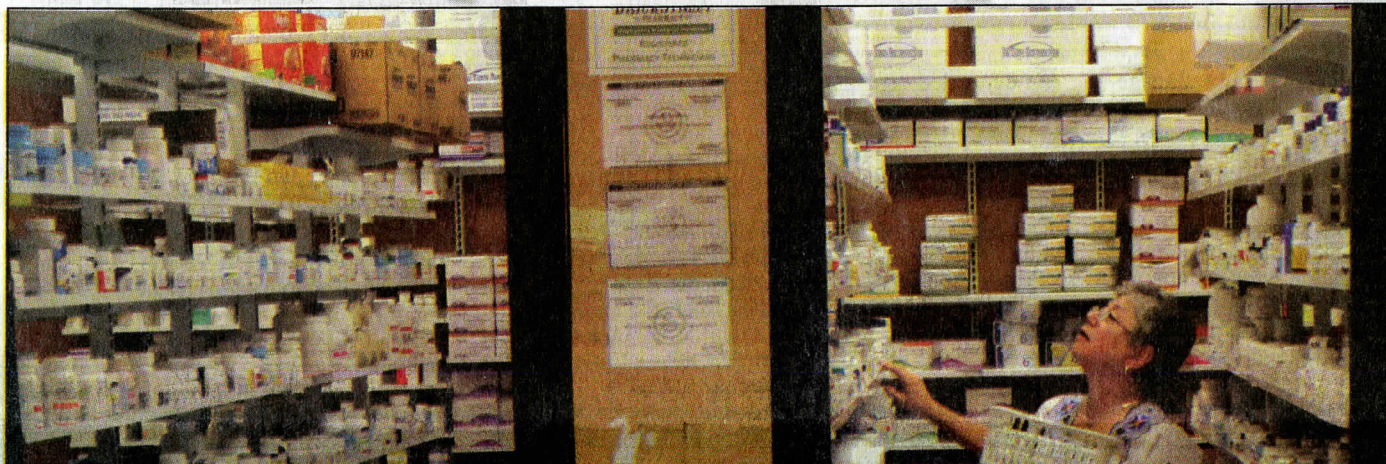
"We want to show them that there is student interest so what we are trying to do is get

it away from Mabry and everything and get it back to student-driven," Bryant said. "Our goal with this is to prove that this is a student-led program and the students want it. We have been getting a lot of positive feedback from it."

The referendum would have been an opportunity for students to vote for the student fee increase which would fund the establishment of a football program and marching band along with the addition to the Patriot Dance team and cheerleading squad. The fee would also cover the cost of a field house for the football team and three additional practice fields.

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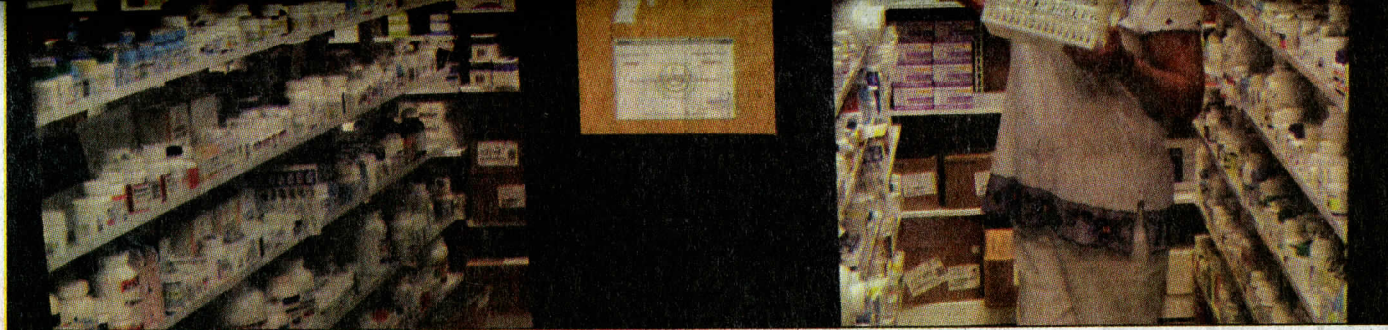
Additional funds solve parking problem

Rhiannon Holmes
News Editor

The University's efforts this semester have improved the parking situation here on campus, University Police Chief Mike Medders said.

This has been an ongoing issue for the University since the 2011-12 school year, when the parking lots were striped incorrectly, causing the loss of spaces.

In the 2011-12 school year, \$255,480 was



TALON PHOTO BY MORGAN JONES

Brickstreet Pharmacy pharmacist Pat Gerth is a University of Houston alumna who was filling prescriptions on Saturday. Her and her husband, who is also a pharmacist, were drawn to East Texas by the need for pharmacists and have worked here for almost 15 years.

»THE NEWS

Pharmacy dean hired, college aims to add jobs

Rhiannon Holmes
News Editor

The University has hired founding dean and professor Dr. Lane Brunner to spearhead the development of the University's pharmacy program.

The University of Texas System Board of Regents officially created the college in August, which is to be named the Ben and Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy. The college is named in acknowledgement of a contribution from the Ben and Maytee Fisch Family Foundation, according to a University press release.

Brunner received his doctorate in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of Georgia and has started a pharmacy program at Regis University in Denver.

"Dr. Brunner is a leader in project-based learning in pharmacy education, and is a good fit with the UT Tyler's initiatives on hybrid instruction," Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Alisa White said.

The University would like to have the majority of the pharmacy faculty hired and on campus by fall 2014. They are searching for two assistant deans and two department chairs and hope to hire them in the next six months to a

year. The program is scheduled to begin classes in the fall of 2015.

The development of a pharmacy program is in response to the community's need for pharmacists, White said.

The high turnover rate has inspired the school of pharmacy at the University. The hope of Brunner is to educate pharmacists in Tyler and keep them in East Texas. The hope of the University is educating pharmacists locally would provide some stability in the local pharmacist retention rates, Brunner said.

"Quite frankly if you visit Tyler you realize you don't want to leave, it's so beautiful," Brunner said.

The State Board of Pharmacy has proposed a rule that would eliminate the required ratio of one pharmacist to every three lab technicians Gay Dodson, executive director of the Board of Pharmacy said.

Jeffrey Abeldt, local pharmacist and owner of Brickstreet Pharmacy, said there is an overabundance of pharmacists in the area. Brunner said the retention rate of the pharmacists in this area is low because they are educated out of state and after a few years of working tend to return to their hometowns.

With no limit on the number of lab technicians in a pharmacy, Abeldt said there will be a "saturation" of the job

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TALON PHOTO BY BRYAN SAVENS

The men's cross country team takes off from the starting line at the UT Tyler Invitational on campus Friday. The race used trails where construction is planned for the new College of pharmacy.

Building could compromise athletic trails

Rhiannon Holmes
News Editor

The new pharmacy building could potentially be built on the hill to the south of the Muntz Library, facing Harvey Lake, University President Rodney Mabry announced during Convocation on Aug. 23.

This is the same area that the University cross country team and local high school teams use to practice and compete. The location is about a mile and half of trails that serve as running and biking trails.

"As far as the mountain bike trails go I, along with many in the Tyler community, are really fond of the mountain bike trails we have here and feel

TRAILS»4

In the 2011-12 school year, \$255,480 was spent on the striping of the parking lots, in the 2012-13 school year \$23,401 was spent on the striping, Sheryl Dennis associate vice president of business affairs said.

These actions actually decreased the number of available spaces due to the lots being striped incorrectly.

"The \$255,479 amount included a small amount [10 percent] for striping and the larger amount involved the oil-based sprayed asphalt

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»SAFETY

University investigates annoyance complaints

Rhiannon Holmes
News Editor

University police have received reoccurring complaints from faculty and students of unwanted attention from a University student. Two University students have complained about a man hanging out around their offices and exhibiting odd behavior.

The accused man's name is not being released at this time; however, the administration is looking into the case.

The individual has been seen following an employee to their car, senior finance and accounting major Steven Goud said.

University officials responded to a call on campus asking the student to leave the Leadership Summit on Aug. 31 Goud said.

"There has not been a direct threat, there hasn't

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Read a story about the blue emergency phones on campus on page 2.

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Emergency phones serve campus, safety procedures

Raffaella Gullo
Staff Writer

Safety measures at the University are in place and campus police want the campus community to be aware of them.

There are 20 code blue light emergency phones located across campus and are automatically programmed to dial the University's campus police dispatch number.

For someone to place a call, they must first hit a large blue button located on the phone.

Once you've hit the button, activating the call, a blue light will flash with a visible notification for any of the officers responding.

The blue button not only connects you with campus police, but will also give your specific location where officers will arrive.

The code blue light emergency phones have only ever been used once, when someone set fire to the Hudnall-Pirtle-Roosth Building.

Although campus police never

found the culprit, there was a confirmed suspect and the individual no longer attends the University.

In the situation of being chased, Sergeant Michael Seale said that the phones can definitely help.

"If you are in fact being chased

and you see a blue phone, don't hesitate, hit it. Because, when that call comes in we will respond immediately and an officer will be sent to that area. If you're running, and you see another phone, hit it again. As we receive the signals a search will be formed and we can triangulate the area," Seale said.

Seale also encourages everyone to have the dispatch number saved in his or her phones.

Having served campus since 2001, Seale has full knowledge of what it takes to maintain these phones. Seale said the phones are

checked monthly to ensure that they are working properly.

When checked, full reports are sent to campus police. If and when any issues may arise, campus police are immediately contacts the service provider who will fix any possible problems.

Seale said continued maintenance of these phones is not costing the University.

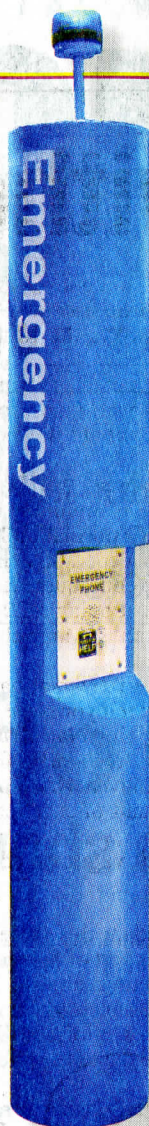
"I have noticed multiple phones on campus but I never really took them into consideration. I didn't understand them before, whereas now I feel one 1,000 percent better. I feel safer," freshman Sarah Mazal said.

Any questions regarding code blue light emergency phones or safety codes and procedures contact campus police at 903-566-7060.

In the case of an emergency call 911 or campus police dispatch number at 903-566-7300.

ONLINE

For a map with locations of the campus code blue light emergency phones go to <http://bit.ly/Vabbl8>



POLICE REPORTS

The Patriot Talon collected the following information from public reports released by the University Police Department and the Tyler Police Department. All police reports obtained by the Talon are public records as defined under Texas Open Records law.

AUG. 21

Motor vehicle accident

Campus police officers dispatched to lot 3. A student hit the vehicle of a professor.

AUG. 23

Motor vehicle accident

Campus police officers were called in reference to an automobile accident at The University Pines apartments parking lot.

AUG. 26

Theft

A student reported the theft of her iPhone 4 while she was in class on the first day of school. There are no known suspects at this time.

Disturbance

Reports of a student becoming upset at the cashier's office. Subject was located in route to enrollment services

Motor vehicle accident

Officer was dispatched to lot 3. The call was in reference to an automobile that had been damaged.

Theft

Contractor reported a John Deere Gator had been taken from a construction site.

Theft

Report of bicycle missing from the bike rack at the

Herrington Patriot Center.

AUG. 27

Theft

Received a report of a stolen 2014 class ring. The ring was taken from the men's locker room of Herrington Patriot Center.

AUG. 28

Criminal trespass

Former student was arrested for criminal trespassing after coming back on campus in violation of a criminal trespass warning issued on Aug. 12, 2010. She was then transported to the Smith County Jail where she was booked in the same day.

Motor vehicle accident

Campus police officers were dispatched to lot 3 in reference to a motor vehicle accident.

Burglary: Vehicle

A University student reported a burglary to a vehicle in the Ornellas Activity Center parking lot.

AUG. 29

Assist outside agency

University Police assisted Tyler Police Department on a disturbance call at 3400 Varsity Dr.

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been any coercion or intimidation. It has been a feel of unease, some inappropriateness, some awkwardness," Ona Tolliver, assistant vice president for Student Affairs & Dean of Students, said in regard to the current suspicions.

Some of the complaints against the student have been reported by Patriot Talon staff members.

There are five policy violations that come up most often, scholastic dishonesty, harassment, alcohol, illegal drug use and failure to comply. The University had seven total harassment cases last year, David Hill, director of residence life and judicial affairs said.

This is the second potential harassment case of the semester. The first case involved a student receiving unwanted phone calls and texts on Aug. 1, according to a campus police report.

Other police reports included a threatening altercation between two professors and reports of University Pines Apartment staff receiving unwanted text messages and phone calls.

The University's first step of action in a situation like this is to ask the accuser if they have informed the accused that they do not want contact with them Hill said.

"Typically they have not. These cases are usually involving electronic messages," Hill said.

If the alleged harassment is highly suspicious or obscene the University will take action and bring the accused in for questioning Hill said.

In some cases the accused will go through the conduct process and be suspended.

The University does not alert students when there is a suspicious person on campus. An alert will be sent out in cases of assault or attempted abduction Hill said.

The safest course of action for students who feel threatened or harassed is to immediately report it to the University Police Department.

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sealcoat system over the entire parking lot prior to striping. This type of parking lot maintenance is performed regularly to prevent the asphalt parking lots from deteriorating," Chip Clark, interim assis-

tant vice president for facilities management, said.

The Cowan parking lot total cost was \$309,323, Dennis said. These projects have been funded from parking fees to date, Clark said.

With the striping of the parking lots being redone and the added 115 spaces at the Cowan parking lot, there are approximately 400 more available spaces than there were in fall 2012, Medders said.

"It depended on the day, the parking lot by O-Hall [Ornellas Residence Hall] was always open but in order to be close to classes I had to be there early," John Buck, senior engineering major said regarding parking in 2012.

The new parking lot near the Cowan Center has added 115 paved spaces and so far this semester the University has not filled all the spaces on campus, Medders said.

ONLINE

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LAUREN BARNES

Even if you're not a sports guru, you know who Johnny Manziel is. The Heisman Trophy-winning Texas A&M quarterback has become a household name, in a positive and negative light, since he won the famed trophy in 2012.

There's no arguing that Manziel is a great football player. Being the first college freshman to ever be awarded the Heisman Trophy reiterates that.

However, there's also no denying that Manziel has been under a lot of heat since his stellar freshman season. He has found himself in the middle of quite a few controversies throughout the past year.

Between "over sleeping" and getting dismissed from the Manning Passing Academy, being under scrutiny for allegedly taking pay-

ment for autographs, to controversy at a University of Texas at Austin fraternity party, Manziel has made his way to the front of nearly every media outlet.

Manziel has been quoted as claiming that he is just a 20-year-old who made some not-so-smart decisions and should not be judged so harshly.

This is where I disagree.

I don't think there is anything wrong with Manziel trying to be a normal college student who goes out and has a good time. However, he has to know there are consequences.

Dismissing it as just being a 20-year-old is not good enough. Truth is, Manziel is not just a normal college student.

How many college freshmen have won the Heisman Trophy? I'll tell you. One.

According to the Heisman Trust Mission Statement, the trophy "recognizes the outstanding college football player whose performance best exhibits the pursuit of excellence with integrity."

Integrity is a very vague word in this instance.

When analyzing the Heisman winners, it's mainly about performance. Character and integrity tend to be a little bonus and not a focus during the decision-making.

Once again, this is where I disagree.

I think that when you reach a certain level of fame, you should be held to higher expectations.

Manziel claims that he is aware of the spotlight that his new fame has brought, but I'm not sure if he is fully aware of the ramifications that his actions have on others.

I don't think he fully grasps the fact that there are kids in youth league football from East Texas who look up to him as a hometown hero.

I don't think he understands that parents have to explain to their children why his name is in the news again.

Another recent example of this is Miley Cyrus. Even though she didn't get into any legal trouble, she has definitely let down many fans.

I know we've all seen, or at least heard, about her risqué performance at the MTV Video Music Awards last month.

She went from being the star of the Disney series "Hannah Montana," to being scantily clad while inappropriately dancing on the VMA stage in front of hundreds in person, and millions at home.

Her VMA performance is not the only time she has been in the spotlight in a negative way.

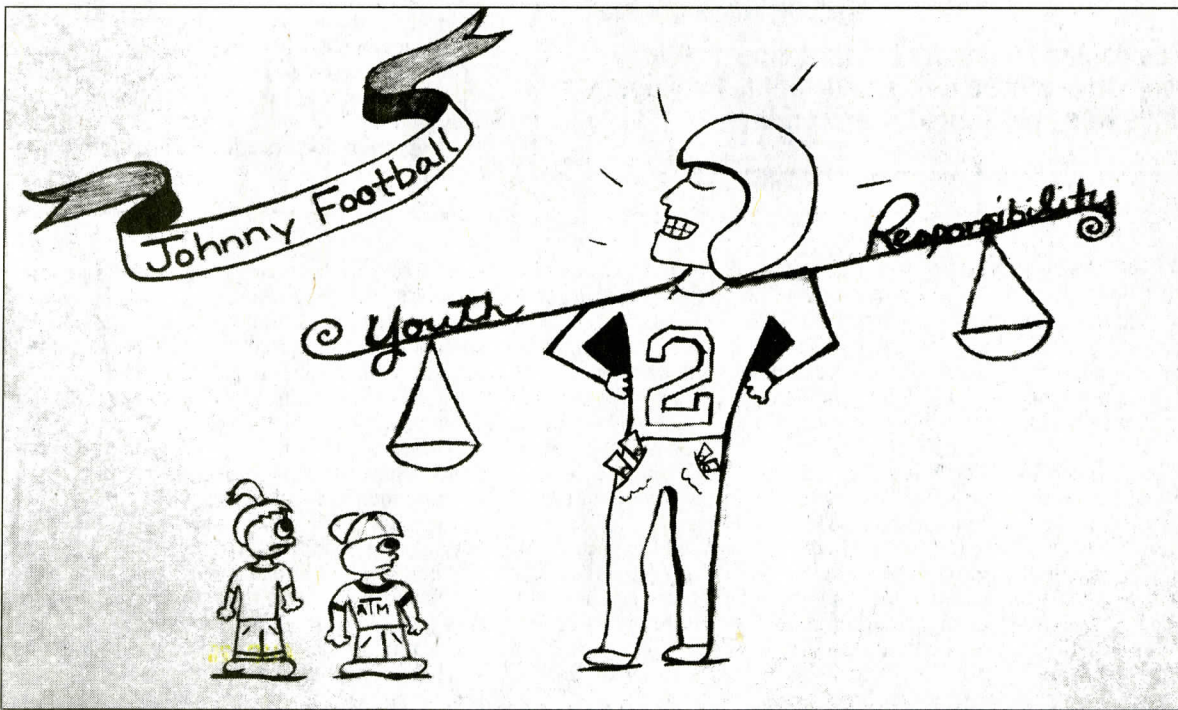
She also recently caught a lot of heat from her song "We Can't Stop," which alludes to using the drug MDMA, also known as "Molly." The music video to the song also brought much scrutiny, as she makes out with a plastic doll among other inappropriate actions.

We've all watched her slowly lose her wholesome image over the past few years.

Like with Manziel, I don't think Cyrus is aware of the ramifications that her actions have on her younger fans that still desire to see the person they once knew.

When you reach a level of fame you should be held to high expectations and should be aware of how your actions affect others.

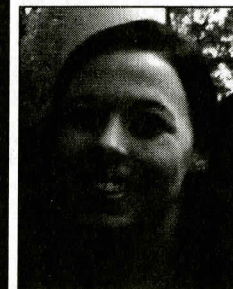
Young stars, regardless of their profession, should find a way to handle fame without letting it hurt their legacy they built and their fans.



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CAMPUSVOICE

Should Johnny Manziel be held to a higher behavioral standard after winning the Heisman Trophy?



“Winning the Heisman and gaining popularity has forced him to be in the public spotlight, and because of that fact alone, he should have a heightened awareness of his actions.”

»Kaylen Burgess
Senior mass communication major

University ranks highly in survey, excludes non-traditional students



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The University recently ranked 34th for greatest lifetime return on investment "out of the more than 450

not good news for institutions like the University, where, in fall 2012, only 13 percent of the head count were freshmen, according to the 2012-2013 Fact Book.

Since graduation rate reports are almost solely based on first-time, full-time students, this means that the University, along with most every other

Classification and PayScale.com.

However, while Carnegie Classification takes into account non-residential, part-time, and transfer students, IPEDS and PayScale.com only measure first-time, full-time students; and it is unclear exactly how AffordableCollegeOnline.org used each resource.

Without delving further into the top

“Yes, winning the

investment “out of the more than 450 two- and four-year, public and private institutions analyzed by Affordable-CollegesOnline.org, an independent resource” according to an Aug. 19 press release by the University’s office of marketing and communications.

This is an exciting accomplishment, and reports like this one reinforce my belief that the University’s graduates are well prepared for the workforce.

However, after I did a quick victory dance around my office, I had to ask myself some hard questions. What data is used to create college rankings like this one and how are students actually affected?

To answer my own questions, I had to back up a little to other forms of college rankings: graduation rates and freshmen retention.

Let’s start with graduation rates. There is much controversy over what is included and not included in measuring graduation rates.

Reeve Hamilton, in his article “Four Year Graduation Rates Lag-But Do They Matter?” (Texas Tribune, March 2012), reported that the only way to compare state graduation rates is to reference the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, part of The U.S. Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics. According to Hamilton, IPEDS tracks first-time, full-time students. “What about transfer students?” you may ask.

Well, that is a good question. Transfer and non-full-time students are not represented in this data. This is

university—along with most every other institution of higher education in the nation—is honing in on freshmen retention, creating yet another method for college ranking. Is this good or bad for students?

Caitlin McCarter, a freshmen pre-nursing student at the University, says that she recognizes that the University is putting forth an effort to retain her and her fellow freshmen, but she does not see it as a bad thing.

“I have just been shown many options of things to get involved in and activities that would make someone want to stay,” McCarter said. At orientation, she loved “how excited the OL leaders were and how they made it exciting to get involved and show us around.”

It appears to me that pitting schools against each other to see who can get the highest graduation and freshmen retention rates has directly resulted in many innovative programs for freshmen, from improved tutoring to better dining options and student money management programs.

That brings us to the return-on-investment measurement. This is where the data can be especially hard to gather because there are so many variables: students are difficult to track once they graduate and salaries differ greatly among different degree types, industries, companies and locations.

I visited the methodology page for AffordableCollegeOnline.org and found that the organization surveyed samples of graduate students and utilized reputable sources, such as IPEDS, Carnegie

Without delving further into the tangled web of statistics, my conclusion at this point is that college rankings seem to be all good and fine for everyone except non-traditional students.

Over and over, most formulas overlook this group. I believe that is unfortunate because it means that services provided to students skew toward freshmen.

Of course, some institutions, the University included, recognize this, and therefore maintain their own internal records and data collection formulas to ensure that no group is left out (just check out the Fact Books on the University website). However, I believe we could do more.

I believe University administrators, faculty and staff should take the same energy and creativity that they pour into retaining freshmen and use it to find better ways of rewarding the working, single moms and dads who are taking three hours a semester for eight years to earn their degrees and the professionals who are just here to take a few classes to advance their careers.

We cannot overlook students just because they will not calculate into our online rankings.

So, does it matter that the University ranked 34th in Texas according to AffordableOnlineColleges.org? Absolutely, yes, but numbers are not the end-all-be-all. We can take a few minutes to celebrate, but then it is back to work. There is still much to be done.

Yes, winning the Heisman Trophy comes with responsibility. He is now a role model for many young football players and needs to keep that in mind.”

»Alex Arciniega
Senior economics major

Yes. When you are in a position to win something like that you should be more conscientious of your behavior and of the people that will be looking up to you if you were to win that title.”

»Courtney Yates
Junior nursing major

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PHARMACY

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market in regard to pharmacists.

The University is not worried about the proposed rule and feels confident in the pharmacy program, Brunner said.

EDUCATION

The pharmacy program will be an active learning based and be less lecture based than other programs of similar merit, Brunner said.

"It is a specific pedagogy for teaching adults," Brunner said.

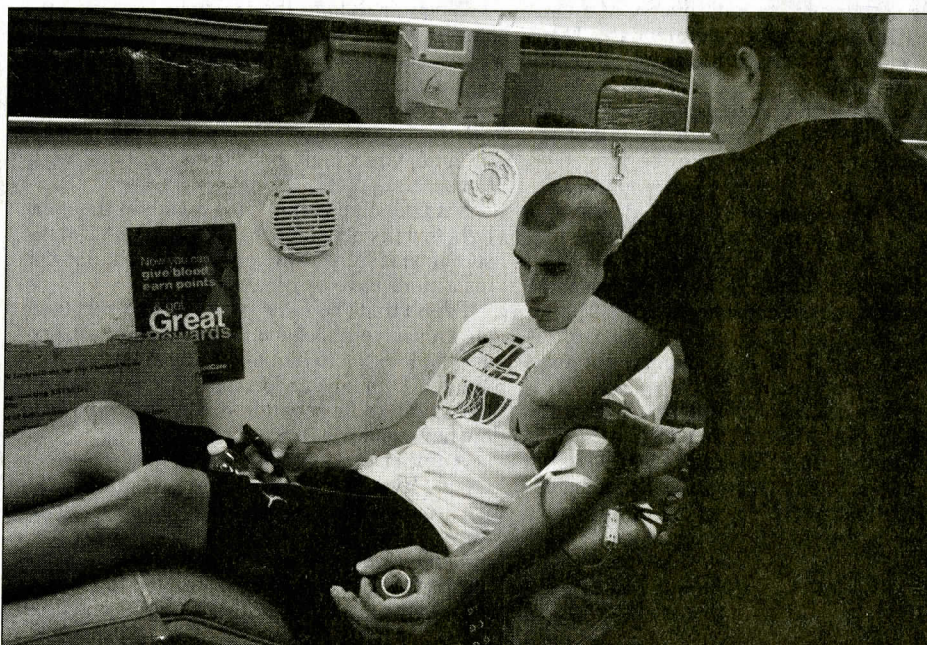
The program is designed to be a team-based learning environment that will develop critical thinking skills, Brunner said.

There will be some lab space and the scholarship within the classrooms will be different because they will be set up in pods.

The professor will be in the center of the classroom typically with groups of students sat at tables around him. This method of learning will help provide graduates that can communicate better. Their team building will be more natural to them Brunner said.

In addition to establishing the college and authorizing its name, the regents also granted the University the authority to begin work on the building to house the college of pharmacy. Design is currently in progress and surveyors are on campus scoping the location. The construction is scheduled to start no later than March, according to University press release.

Donating to make a difference



TALON PHOTO BY MORGAN JONES

University student Chris Rios donated blood for the first time on Friday at the Carter BloodCare blood drive mobile bus outside of the Herrington Patriot Center. The blood drive was held Thursday and Friday.

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strongly that building on that particular location is a misuse of the land on our campus," Derek Blain, senior cross country runner said.

Though the spot is favored, Dr. Lane Brunner, dean of the College of Pharmacy said that it is their goal to minimize environmental impact.

On Aug. 30, Blain emailed Dr. Mabry and Scott Kelley executive vice chancellor of Business Affairs on the University of Texas Board of Regents but has not received a response yet.

On Sept. 5, the Patriot Talon interviewed Dr. Mabry and asked for a comment on students' concern.

"I feel for them but they created that but they will have to find another place," Dr. Mabry said. "We are going to take the under brush out of all of our other land cross the [Old Omen Road] street. There will be other places where they can run. But yeah the building has to go there."

Dr. Mabry said that they were originally going to try to put the pharmacy school off University Boulevard, below the tennis courts.

"The University is always going to build on the campus and probably [in] an interior rather obvious building spot," Dr. Mabry said.

Dr. Mabry said that the 60 acres of land the University owns across the street should be an available location for athletics to use.

"I love the cross country guys but they have got to find country to run wherever they can," Dr. Mabry said.

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"I think it [football] brings a lot of prestige to the University and legitimizes the campus. It pulls us away from the commuter school reputation and gives us an actual event and an activity that people can stay the weekend for," Goud said. "That's something that I have tried to do in attempt to increase participation on campus and I think that football was a quick fix for that because it is something that East Texas loves. It's king around here."

The cancelled referendum relied on a student fee increase to cover the cost of the teams, band, staff and facilities.

The example cost for a 15-credit-hour semester would have gone from the current \$180 fee to \$360 for each semester, according to the referendum.

Dr. Mabry announced at Convocation in August that there are already plans in motion and money available to fund the construction of an addition to the Cowan Center.

This addition will encompass a music hall that could potentially house the marching band and orchestra.

Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Howard Patterson has been one of the key leaders in supporting the student referendum as the Athletic Director.

"I am a little bit disappointed that we aren't going to move forward because I think it's a great thing for the campus and a great thing for the community and more importantly a great thing for the student body," Patterson said.

Patterson said he supports the students to follow through with the petition to poll the general consensus of the campus.

"I am hoping that interest will be sufficiently strong and that we can basically show the regents... the students want this," Patterson said. "What's disappointing if anything is that the students as a group never got to say anything. This murmuring in the background of when are you going to add football has been going on for more than 12 years. You have to have facilities to have football and everything else that comes with it and that costs money."

Facilities needed for the football program are a stadium for the home games, locker room and practice field.

"It's a little bit in a gray area though. It depends on how much you want to do on a shoe string. Do we need a football stadium? No, we could play somewhere else. Certainly for a while," Dr. Mabry said.

Dr. Mabry said that they have already discussed the possibility with Grace Community School, located near the University.

"Grace already told us they would love to have us," Dr. Mabry said. "There's nuances about that too. Our folks wouldn't dislike it as a start-up but they wouldn't want to always play in the high school stadium. It just sounds

wrong. But it doesn't bother [high school] students to play in a University stadium. That actually sounds good. So all we need to do is get them to, I'm sure for some money, to change the name of it and let us buy the stadium."

Dr. Mabry said that there is a possibility that the University could use Grace Community School's stadium that is location across University Drive that could potentially hold expected crowds. The stadium has a separate entrance from the high school's campus.

Grace's stadium is a potential temporary solution when and if a football program is established at the University. Dr. Mabry said it could get the program through maybe ten years or so.

"Football stadiums, they sound awful. You use them six, seven or eight times a year or you might have a few concerts in them," Dr. Mabry said. "You might get Bruce Springsteen or somebody. There are a few other uses but not many. But they are big beautiful things and they are student magnets. They're not lost income."

Another facility to be considered in the student fee increase is a field house and additional practice fields that could be located across Old Omen Road on land that the University owns.

"A field house is not just for fun and for a meeting place. It does host the rather large amount of equipment and rows of washing machines. It's not a small enterprise in that regard," Dr. Mabry said. "I know that our athletics people do not want to do it without that."

Another concern for Dr. Mabry to refer the

referendum to the board is the board's general consensus that they want any plans that involve construction on campus to be fully developed and on the construction list before being put before the students to vote, Dr. Mabry said.

Dr. Mabry said there is a certain type of student attracted to athletic programs.

"Sports at UT Tyler just bring us great students. These students have higher grade point average than the rest of the student body," Dr. Mabry said. "The coaches are well tuned in to getting strong students who just happen to play baseball well or softball well or volleyball well. And because they don't get athletic scholarships they are not governed by these sports."

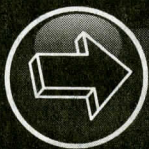
For the last 15 years, Dr. Mabry said that he had been against football until now for two reasons. First, the University's athletic program is only 13 years old and he wanted the other sports to develop.

"I wanted the other sports to have their day and to grow and be strong and we are," Dr. Mabry said. "We are a powerhouse in baseball and softball and several other things."

The second reason was the enrollment just wasn't there to support a football program and everything that makes the Friday night lights experience, he said.

Dr. Mabry doesn't think that football is off the table forever, just right now.

"Seniors can't wait another year and I understand that," Dr. Mabry said. "But it's going to happen so they may want to help build the foundation so it will [hopefully] pass in the spring."



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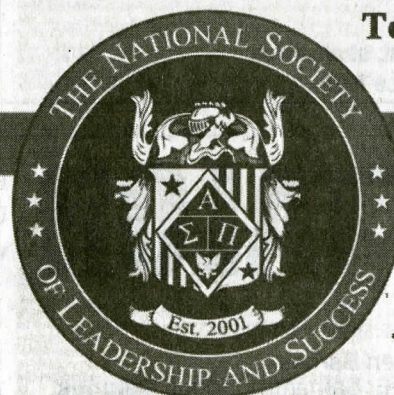
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Grant funds search for rare flower

Researchers study plant exclusive to East Texas area

Nizia Alam
Campus Editor

Researchers at the University recently received about \$86,000 to study a potentially endangered wildflower that is native to only East Texas.

Protecting the cream white petaled wildflower could help preserve a whole habitat and ecosystem.

Dr. Joshua Banta, Dr. Lance Williams and Marsha Williams recently received the \$85,456 grant to study the genetics and ecology of *Hibiscus dasycalyx*, more commonly known as the Neches River rose mallow.

The first purpose of the project is to determine whether the rose mallow is a unique species or a hybrid of the more common *Hibiscus laevis* and *Hibiscus moscheutos*.

They will take samples from the common species plants and compare it to samples of the rose mallow. If they find too many genetic similarities then it is not a unique species and not a candidate for being listed as threatened.

If they find the rose mallow to be its own species then not only will the wildflower be protected but the habitat it occupies will be protected.

"We will take plant tissue from these three different supposed species and see based on the genetics if the Neches River rose mallow is genetically distinct from these other species," Banta said.

The wildflower is known in only four locations in East Texas including the tributaries from the Neches and tributaries from the Brazos.

"How many projects do you get where you're gonna be one of the few people in the world working on a species that's only found here," Banta said.

This white-petaled blossom with a dark red center has been waiting to be listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act listing for 32 years, according to the Wild-



Dr. Joshua Banta holds up the rare Neches River rose mallow at Mud Creek as part of a field trip in August 2012. The trip was led by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to see the known populations of the wildflower. He and other researchers at the University are studying the wildflower which is found exclusively in East Texas.

TALON COURTESY PHOTO

Fast flower facts

Scientific name:

Hibiscus dasycalyx

Common name:

Neches River rose mallow

Related species:

Hibiscus laevis and *Hibiscus moscheutos*

Height:

3 to 7 feet high

Locations:

Neches River and Brazos River in the East Texas counties of Angelina, Cherokee, Anderson, Houston and Trinity.

Habitat:

Wetlands, standing water

Appearance:

White-petaled and a deep red or purple center

Source: <http://bit.ly/rosemallow>

lot of other ways," Banta said.

The research they are conducting plays a larger role in the urbanization of the area.

"If we didn't do the research on it and actually find out it is a threatened species then anyone can clear that land and it's no longer there. No one would ever know about it," Banta said.

The long-term consequences of losing unique plants like the rose mallow are significant.

"These unique environments haven't been studied so you don't know what you're losing," Banta said.

A first-year biology graduate student, Melody Sain was drawn to the project after hearing the conservation aspect of it. She's working with Banta on the project and writing her master's thesis on the topic.

She was introduced to the project when she visited the University and met with the biology faculty members. Previously she received her Bachelor of Science in Environmental Biology from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

"Out of my whole day it was the one time that I just got excited," Sain said. "I thought I really do want to come here and do this. It sounds amazing and interesting and I really want to work on it."

During the summer, Sain, Banta and a group of other biologists went to a Mud Creek location to look for the wildflower.

"We'll be doing niche modeling. We have places where they have been found. So using the soil and reference of water bodies we'll be able to find suitable habitats where they could be found," Sain said.

They identified, according to morphological characteristics, all three different species of *Hibiscus* at the site. They took leaf samples to perform further genetic testing.

"Actually we pulled up to the site and before Dr. Banta even saw [it], I was like 'hey is that it? And we went down there [and he] said 'this is your plant. This is [the] perfect example of your plant,'" Sain said.

Sain who originally wanted to pursue herpetology compared this to her past field work with reptiles.

"It was an awesome day to actually see it. Before I would be out looking for reptiles and amphibians for three hours searching and never find anything. So it's exciting," Sain said.

In the coming weeks, Banta and the rest of the team will conduct research in other locations.

lifeEarth Guardians website, which works to protect wildlife and wild places in the American West.

The "Section 6" grant was awarded and administered by the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife in collaboration with the Endangered Species Program of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

If they determine that the species

does not exist then there is no need for the government to conserve and protect its habitat.

"No one has done the genetic work to determine if it's a real species," Banta said. "Maybe it's just a part of the natural variation in *hibiscus* leaves."

If the researchers find that the rose mallow is a real species the next part

of their project will focus on finding other areas where it can be found.

The environmental value isn't the rose mallow itself but the habitat where it grows.

"When you preserve an area where you have a unique species you get a lot of bang for your buck because you preserve a whole ecosystem that is probably unique in a

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CAP program cancelled for next year

Lauren LaSalle
Staff Writer

The Coordinated Admissions Program, which has aided Longhorn hopefuls for years, has enrolled its final group of freshman.

"According to UT Austin, they are canceling the CAP program," Carlos Alvarez, coordinated admission program adviser, said. "Why the university is canceling the program is currently unknown; however, the cancelation shouldn't cause any repercussions for the permanent Tyler-ites."

Alvarez said The University of Texas System developed the CAP program to expand the admission options available to students interested in enrolling at The University of Texas at Austin, the system's flagship university.

This option was only available to Texas residents who The University of Texas at Austin thought had potential.

There are seven campuses that accepted CAP students, such as the University of Texas at San Antonio and University of Texas at Arlington.

Freshman Stephanie Nwokedi chose Tyler for a number of reasons, including the "beautiful campus, which drew [her] in" she said.

After a year at one of these seven institutions, students who have completed 30 hours and have maintained a GPA of at least 3.2, among other requirements, were automatically admitted to either the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Natural Sciences or the School of Undergraduate Studies.

Students who wished to study in a field outside of the colleges offered had to file an appeal with the University and submit a resume, transcript and in some cases, a portfolio of their work.

"We had about 60 percent of CAP students transferred to UT Austin" Alvarez said. "While a large portion of students will go on to study in Austin, there are some who are unable to tear themselves from the Tyler campus, and will finish their four years here."

The students that wanted to participate in the CAP program received admission into one of The University of Texas system schools based off of the qualifications they have after high school, giving the students a wide variety of campuses to start from.

However, not all students decide to continue to Austin.

Freshman nursing major Lesley Kraus is an example of this.

She initially enrolled in the University with hopes of transferring to Austin, but upon visiting realized that she had "no reason for going to Austin."

"I just blindly wanted to go [to Austin]," she said. "I just loved the [University] campus. Plus it had a good nursing school," she said.

Although she is no longer affiliated with the program, she still thinks fondly of it.

"I probably wouldn't have come here if it wasn't for CAP because I didn't know much about [the Tyler campus]," Kraus said.

Alvarez said he doesn't think canceling the CAP program will affect University enrollment, which is at its highest number ever with 7,534 students this fall.



TALON FILE PHOTO

Every year since Sept. 11 2001, students have gathered around the Dub and BJ Riter Millennium Carillon Tower and Plaza for a candlelight vigil, hosted by the Student Government Association, in remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001. The event is held at 9:11 p.m. to resemble the date of the original event. SGA will hold this year's candlelight vigil tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Bell Tower.

Vigil to honor 9/11 victims tomorrow

Becky Dixon
Staff Writer

The 9/11 tragedy brought America to a standstill 12 years ago and American soldiers are still stationed in Afghanistan.

The Student Government Association will hold a candlelit vigil tomorrow at the Dub and BJ Riter Millennium Carillon Tower and Plaza (Bell Tower) at 7:30 p.m. to honor our troops and those who lost their lives in the terrorist attack 12 years ago.

"What I have in mind for the event is for students to gather and pay tribute to the lives lost that day and the veterans that fought as a result of this tragedy," Ryann Warner, SGA vice president, said. "I am going to start out with a moment of silence, followed by personal stories that students, faculty or veterans would like to share."

Veterans will be recognized at this event whether or not they are present. Warner will recognize those directly affected by the 9/11 tragedy who have lost

their lives or family members.

"SGA is hosting this event to raise awareness to students that this day isn't just an ordinary day, but an important day in history and it should be remembered as such," Warner said.

Even though it has been 12 years since the war began, troops are still being deployed to Afghanistan.

Campus police and Navy Officer Brian Froiseth was deployed on March 1 to the Kuwait-Iraq area.

"After Brian returns from his deployment, he will resume his job as a peace officer at UT Tyler," University Chief of Police Mike Medders said. "We are fully supportive of Officer Froiseth in his military endeavors. We are proud to have two members of our department serving this country."

This is Froiseth's second time being deployed to Kuwait since he began working for the campus police department in 2007. He was last deployed in 2008 where he remained in Afghanistan for almost a year.

"Brian is a good officer with a good attitude," Medders said. "He is well-liked across campus."

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For pictures of tomorrow's vigil honoring 9/11 victims, go to www.patriottalon.com

University breaks record, enrollment tops 7,500

Staff Reports

The University has reached a significant milestone with an enrollment of 7,534 for fall 2013, President Rodney Mabry announced, according to a press release.

At the start of 2012 enrollment was at 6,875. Dr. Mabry said this nine percent increase places the University among the top one or two fastest growing universities in Texas, according to the press release.

The increase in undergraduate enrollment can be attributed to the expansion of programs on campus, quality teaching by University faculty, higher retention rates and continuing recruiting success, according to the press release.

There has been a substantial rise in international enrollment, which has aided in the increase of graduate students. The international increase is due to a targeted recruitment campaign and word-of-mouth by current in-

ternational graduate students, according to the press release.

The University's graduate school offers 111 online courses this fall and enrollment for these courses has increased as students continue to take advantage of the flexibility they provide, according to the press release.

Dr. Mabry said that the biggest factor in the enrollment increase is the retention work of everyone on campus, according to the press release.

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Campus officials create new programs to instilled Patriot values

Misty Butler
Pulse Editor

As students begin to fill seats in classrooms for the start of another school year, new patriot pride initiatives are hoping to energize and increase school pride across campus.

Incoming students are receiving a coin that symbolizes qualities the University is hoping students possess after graduation. The coins are handed out to new students to toss into the fountain after graduation.

The words visionary, humanitarian and dreamer are stamped on the back of the embossed golden coin. The other side of the coin has the University logo engraved on it.

"We tried to come up with a way to tie all of the graduating classes to one another across the years, across the classes and across all generations but also spoke to the core of what it means to be a patriot," Ona Tolliver, assistant vice president for student affairs and dean of students said.

"I think that our traditions really depend on what kind of students we have...and

graduation. A token will be developed so students can keep the coin they have carried with them all four years and the token will be tossed into the Rudder fountain.

"The fountain is a place of meeting after graduation," Tolliver said. "Students come and take pictures with friends and faculty that they've made partnerships and relationships with. So we thought that it would be very symbolic to have the coin tossing there. Really we were just looking for a way for students to understand what we would like for them to be and develop into as patriots and also a way to symbolize connection from class to class."

The coins have been distributed to new students through the Patriot Connection and New Patriot Programs. If current students would like a coin they can go to the Student Life and Leadership office.

The Athletics and Student Life and Leadership offices are teaming up to bring some new traditions to campus. The new traditions are being around



TALON » PHOTO BY MORGAN JONES

Students watched as Swoop paraded through the orange and white game. Tyler Ford partnered with the University to provide the game day experience for sporting events

student affairs and dean of students said.

After much research, the student affairs office found that many universities give students pins after graduation but they knew that UT Tyler wasn't the "pin type of campus". So, the idea of the coin was formed to allow students to give them something they can cherish and graduate feeling pride in their University, Tolliver said.

This won't be the last time students see these terms used on campus. These words will also be a part of the new honor code, which is still under development. These elements are also continuing within leadership programs across campus and will help students embrace the idea that they are a part of what the coin symbolizes.

The new tradition of tossing the coins will begin in 2016 with a small ceremony after

we have...and what they're feeling"

»Jennifer Skinner, campus activities coordinator

and Leadership said. "That's what's going to help promote school spirit and that will get students hyped up about going to athletic events and cheering on the University."

Another push to enhance athletic events is the creation of the game day experience. Tyler Ford is sponsoring some tailgates throughout the semester for soccer and basketball games to help create this experience, Skinner said.

"We are trying to increase participation by really making it an experience, that's why

tions to campus. The new talons up logos around campus are part of the talons up initiative.

"We gave out the talons up foam fingers in the shape of talons and I wanted students to really want one and it just kind of morphed into what it is," Jennifer Skinner, coordinator of campus activities for Student Life

partnered with the University to provide the game day experience for sporting events throughout the year.

we teamed up," Skinner said. "The orange and white game was the first kind of tailgate experience and it's something the students really wanted."

Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Howard Patterson said he hopes this initiative will help enhance school spirit and maybe one day fold into a football program.

"To date, the University has spent \$5,000, mostly from donated funds, on T-shirts, bracelets, sidewalk decals, game day flags, A-frames and the Tyler Ford tailgate event on Aug. 27th," Patterson said.

One of the biggest traditions on campus is homecoming. This year's theme is "Once a Patriot, Always a Patriot," and is scheduled for Oct. 14-19.

The homecoming planning committee is adding the tailgating aspect into homecoming this year and making Patriot Alley more conducive for people to set up on their tailgates and participate in the chili cook off,

Skinner said.

Another change is that students are going to be able to decorate the night before so they can have a whole extra day to design and decorate golf carts and tents. Also, the kickoff party will be down by the lakes with live music, food and organizations hosting games and inflatables.

"We are really working with athletics to come up with ways for students to increase their spirit and patriot pride and want to be out there supporting all of our sports teams," Skinner said. "I think that our traditions really depend on what kinds of students we have in school at the time because it all depends on what they want to do and what they're feeling."

For more information on how to get involved with Homecoming, you can visit the UT Tyler Homecoming Facebook page or the Student Life and Leadership office.

How much you packin'?

Patriot Talon asked students how much their backpack was worth based on the materials inside

Story by Antwanise Jackson | Design by Austin Countryman

As students, we carry a mobile office around with us daily within our backpacks. Textbooks, calculators and notebooks have become essential items to have in our backpacks. The Patriot Talon got a little curious about how valuable students backpacks really are. The Talon did some digging and found that what is inside your "office" might actually be worth more than you think. Here's a look at what was found inside some fellow Patriots' backpacks this week.

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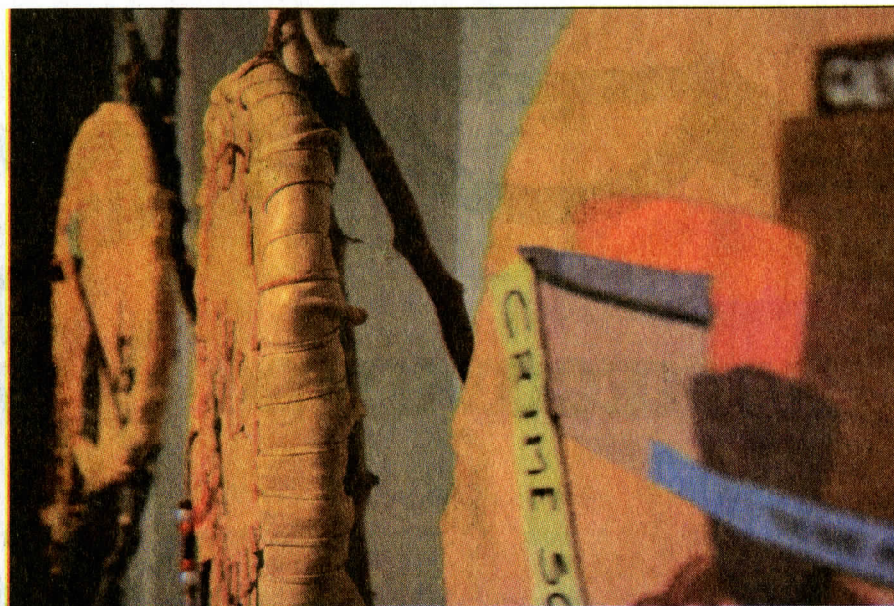
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Raymond Sikes' mixed media pieces, "Unbalanced Power," "Sandy Hook Massacre," and "Century 16 Massacre" (left to right) are on display in Meadows Gallery until Sept. 20.

They've still got it

Faculty members join together to display work at Meadows Gallery

Samantha Copus
A&E Editor

Viewing professors' art pieces lets students know where their creativity can take them after graduation.

Meadows Gallery is holding a "Studio Art Faculty" exhibition until Sept. 20.

The exhibit lets attendees observe artwork by the University's art faculty.

Raymond Sikes, media coordinator for the art department at the University, said exhibits such as this are beneficial to showing students that their professors are not only teaching but are active in their field.

"We feel it is important for our students to know that their teachers are

practicing artists who are well known throughout the nation," Sikes said.

The knowledge the professors obtain continues to grow. They also constantly gain connections through different showcases in the United States.

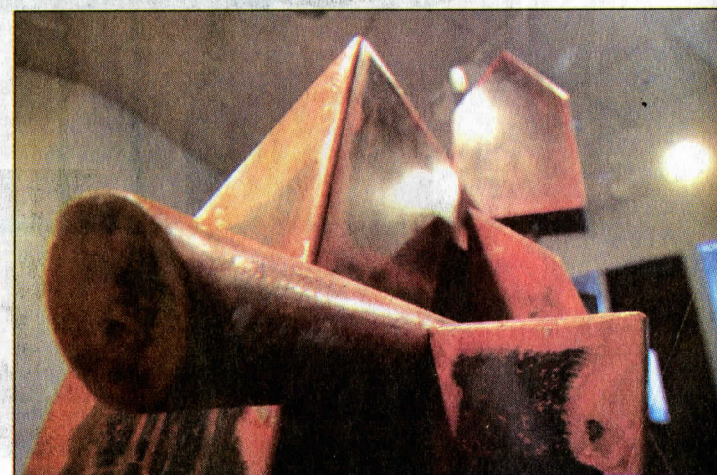
"Each of the studio teachers participate in several national shows during the year and are represented by different galleries throughout the United States," Sikes said.

The exhibition showcases the latest work of the faculty members.

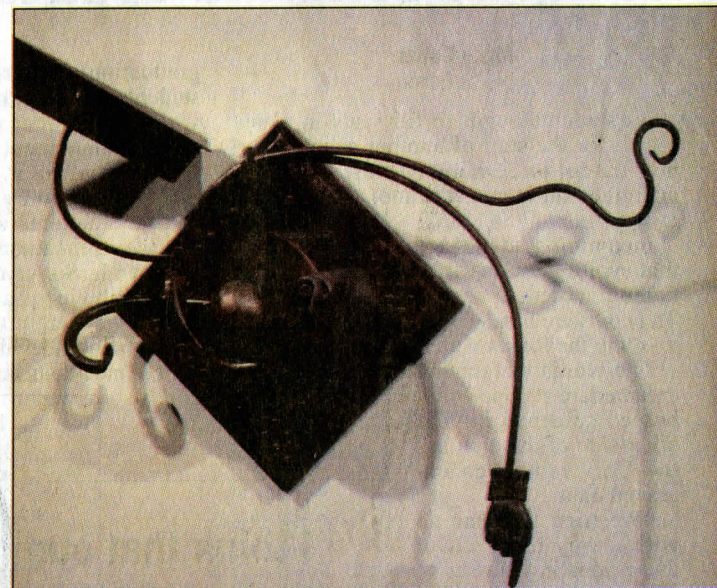
"Each of the studio art faculty is always producing art in their personal studios for commissions, national and international shows," Sikes said.



"Creamsicle Moon" created by Alexis Series.



"Reconnoitering the Rim" created by Dewane Hughes.



Top: "Sleight of Hand" by Dewane Hughes.

Left: Art faculty members' work will be on display until Sept. 20.

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What: Musical parody set to classic tunes from the '60s, '70s and '80s

When: Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Student Tickets: Rush

Katie Couric

What: Couric is an award-winning journalist and TV personality and a *New York Times* best-selling author.

When: Oct. 8, 8 p.m.

Student Tickets: No complimentary or rush tickets available, full-price tickets only



Jerry Seinfeld

What: Seinfeld has been hailed for his uncanny ability to joke about everyday life. He will be performing his signature stand-up routine.

When: Oct. 24, 7 p.m.

Student Tickets: No complimentary or rush tickets available, full-price tickets only

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Beyond Glory

What: Tony Award-nominee Stephen Land masterfully brings the stories of eight American veterans to the stage

When: Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.

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Temptation of the Muses

What: Collaboration between the Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company with the music of The Ahn Trio in a dynamic live show

When: Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.

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Memphis

What: Part of the Broadway musical series, "Memphis" tells the story of a radio DJ who wants to change the world, and a club singer who is ready for her big break.

When: Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.

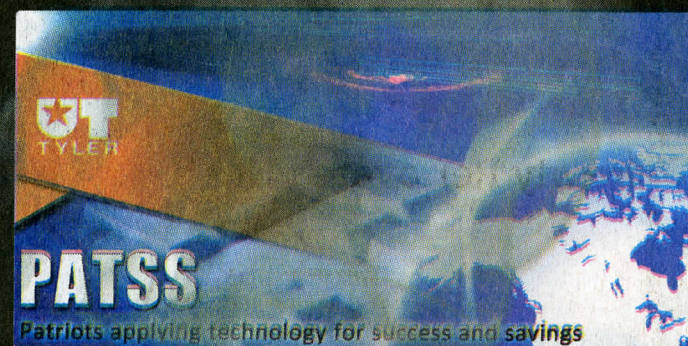
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Promoting Peace

Festival unites community through prayer, art, music

Samantha Copus
A&E Editor

Parts of the world are consumed with hate, crime and war. This got a passionate group together with hopes to spread peace through fellowship, dialogue, music, poetry and art.

Art of Peace Tyler is a week-long festival that originators hope will transform the community into a place to reflect on peace. This will be done through various events such as a Day for Kids, a Peace Meal and a Peace Open Mic.

The festival starts Saturday and will include events throughout Tyler until Sept. 22.

Art of Peace Tyler began four years ago with Anne McCrady, who is a poet and storyteller. McCrady spoke at a literary conference at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor. It was where she met UMHB art professor Helen Kwiatkowski and Emily Kaitz, peace advocate and singer-songwriter.

The three of them longed to be a part of the United Nations' International Day of Peace.

"The organization behind the celebration is called Peace One Day," McCrady said. "Founder Jeremy Gilley wanted a day that all the wars would stop for one day. In 2001, he got the United Nations to agree that Sept. 21 would be the International Day of Peace."

As if planned by fate, Gilley met with the UN in New York City on the morning of 9/11. A press conference was about to announce that there would be a International Day of Peace when the twin towers

were struck by terrorists. With all of the chaos around them, they had to cancel the announcement. However, they had a new reason for the special day Gilley wanted.

Inspired by this story, McCrady and the others hosted a folk concert, poetry reading and art show in Belton, Texas in 2009. They named the event Art of Peace festival. In the years since then, they have continued to coordinate the gathering. The event in Belton eventually convinced McCrady she should have an event like this closer to her home in Henderson.

McCrady paired up with Mary Andrews and Rabbi Neal Katz. Andrews hosted the long-running live music venue, Wildwood Concerts. Rabbi Katz is a spiritual leader, and referred to by McCrady as "Mr. Tyler." He is involved with many different activities. Together the three friends held the first Art of Peace on a Sunday afternoon in Sept. 2011.

"From the beginning, we wanted to do two things," McCrady said. "One was to start a conversation about what peace looks

like, not as a political standpoint, but as an actual way to have a lifestyle."

Art of Peace hopes to gather people together to promote peace in their local communities.

"It's important, not just for the ripple effect we hope events like this could have in the larger world but this event is confirmation that local people really do want to promote peace," Andrews said.

Art of Peace hopes that this event will encourage others to



TALON PHOTO COURTESY OF SARAH MILLER, TYLER MORNING TELEGRAPH

Local clergy gather at last year's Art of Peace Tyler festival. This year the event starts on Saturday and runs through the 22. The festival's goal is to promote peace throughout the community using many different events.

think how they can change the world by leading more peaceful lives.

"We want people to think about it, notice peaceful things going on in your community, and you on your own level take care of the people around you," McCrady said. "You really start peace by how you live your own life."

The second reason to start the event, was to gather a group of like-minded people who can feel as if they are surrounded by those who agree with each other on personal ideals.

"We wanted to create a community of people who believe in peace," McCrady said.

Art of Peace Tyler strives to benefit an organization that they feel deserves the proceeds that are earned during the event.

The first year benefitted PATH and last year benefitted the Literacy Council of Tyler, McCrady said.

This year's benefitting organization will be the Crisis Center of East Texas. This organization is dedicated to helping victims of family violence, sexual assault or other violent crimes.

The committee making decisions behind this organization has worked hard to put the event together. Many of them not only donate time, but also money for art supplies and to promote the events.

"The committee that meets is a loose group of 12 to 15 people," McCrady said. "It's still informal, they all bring creative ideas to the table."

Everyone on the committee is involved with putting together the event. No one claims authority as the boss.

"They are all people who have been leaders in their own lives," McCrady said.

Art of Peace not only requires a committee of volunteers but anyone who wishes to help out the cause is welcome.

"Each year we've had a wonderful group from Alpha Phi Omega," Andrews said. "We are really pleased to see the involvement [the University] expanding to include international students and others."

McCrady, Andrews and others on the committee think that the University would be a great place to start an event like Art of Peace.

"We want UT Tyler to know that we would love to invest heart and attendance in an event like Art of Peace on campus," McCrady said.

"We hope the celebration will continue to grow and attract more and more of the compassionate and creative people we know are here," Andrews said.

Festival coordinators hope Art of Peace will draw in those who may not have found a place with a large group of people who share their same thoughts.

"What we've found from the very first day is that we hear this phrase over and over again, 'I thought I was the only one,'" McCrady said.

For a full list and explanation of the Art Of Peace Tyler events, go to www.tylerpeace.com.

8 days of peace

Day for Kids Sept. 14 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bergfeld Park

Day of Worship Sept. 15 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Unitarian
Universalist
Fellowship

Peace Art Exhibit Sept. 16 -20 Regions Bank
Downtown

Peace Meal Sept. 16 6 to 8 p.m.
Islamic Mosque

Peace Tales Sept. 17 6 p.m.
Fresh by Brookshire's

Peace Open Mic Sept. 18 9 p.m. to midnight
Cork

Peace Murals Sept. 19 4 to 7 p.m.
Fair Market
Downtown

Peace Film Sept. 22 2 p.m.
Public Library

Peace Concert Sept. 22 7 p.m.
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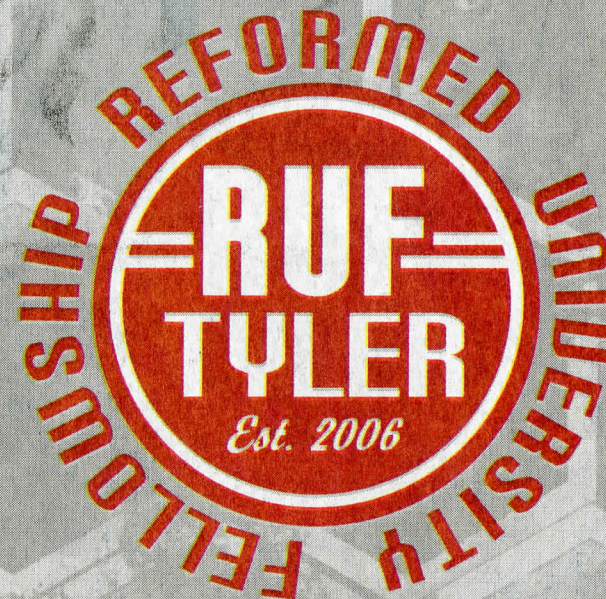


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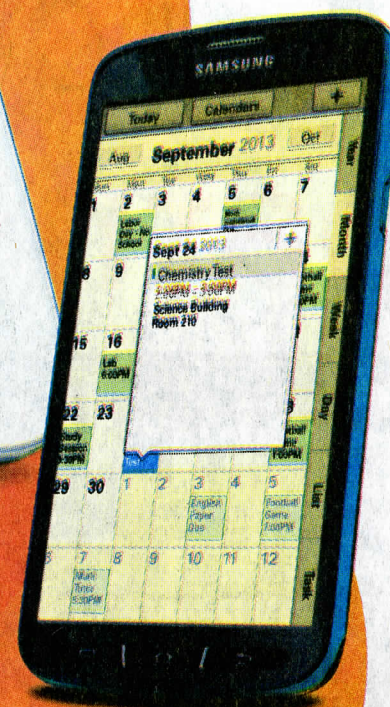


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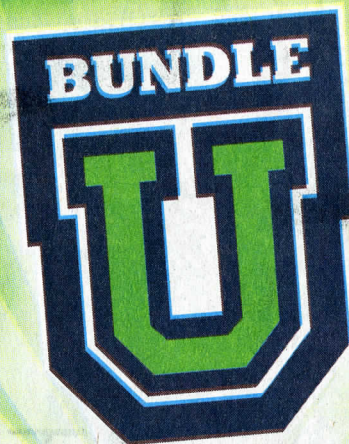


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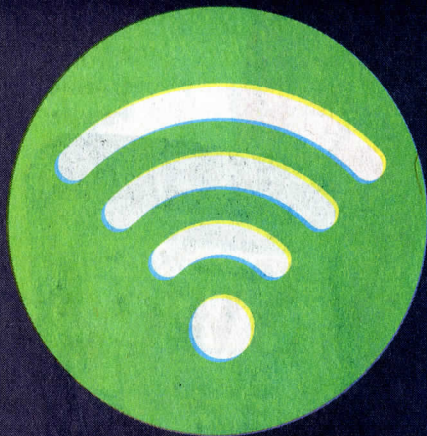
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Rhodes 0

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Belhaven 0

Sept. 6, @Home,
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Centenery 0

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Aug. 31, @Seguin,
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CROSS COUNTRY

MEN'S

The King Campbell Spectacular -
1st/3 Teams

UT Tyler Invtl.-
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WOMEN'S



Patriot sophomore midfielder Chestley Strother takes a shot on goal against Texas Lutheran on Sept. 7

TALON PHOTO BY BRANDON NOBLE

Patriot soccer kicks off

Brandon Noble
Staff Writer

The Patriot men's and women's soccer teams kicked off their seasons this week looking to improve on last year's accomplishments.

On Aug. 30, the University won 3-0 against Hendrix College with solid contributions across the board.

Brittany Matthews, Melissa Miller and Jordan Johnson each contributed one goal, while sophomore Kayla Akin provided two assists.

On Sept. 1, the Patriots traveled to Richardson to take on University of Texas at Dallas for an American Southwest Conference battle.

The Patriots won 4-2. Akin led by scoring two goals.

Junior Lindsey Halbrook and senior Cristina Mendoza added one goal each.

On Sept. 7, the University hosted a physical game against Texas Lutheran University.

TLU came in the game with a record of 1-2.

In the first half, the Patriots

Gordon had a header that went over the cross bar.

At halftime the game was knotted up at zero.

"Champions find a way to win," Head Coach Stefani Webb told the girls at halftime.

In the second half, TLU was able to build up more possession,

adding a little bit of pressure to the Patriot defense and forcing the game to speed up.

After taking the ball from TLU in advancing into the offensive third, the Patriots were able to capitalize on a goal scoring opportunity Akin sent the ball to the feel of senior April Goodman who was able to put the ball into the net.

The Patriots were not able

MEN

The Patriot men opened their season by hosting the Whitworth University Pirates, of Spokane, Wash., on Sept. 7.

Whitworth came into the game ranked 22nd nationally in the Top 25 poll in Division III soccer.

Champions find a way to win."

» Stefani Webb, women's coach

was able to put the ball back into the net off a pass from Elijah Shipman, tying the game at one.

However, two minutes later, Selisch was able to take

"We did a lot of really good things, but the things we did when we made mistakes, it really cost us, so we will fix that. It is still early in the year," Head Coach Kenny Jones said.

The last 10 minutes were chaotic for the Patriots, who created many scoring chances in which they were not able to capitalize.

An onslaught of attacks eventually led the Patriots into a chance from senior Enoch Shipman, who was able to head into the back of the net with 48 seconds left.

This sent the game to sudden death overtime, in which neither team was able to capitalize.

The game ended in a 2-2 draw.

On Sept. 8, the Patriot men faced Austin College in a tight game in which neither team was able to score.

Despite many opportunities, the Patriots were unable to capitalize on any scoring opportunities, thanks in part to AC goalkeeper Andrew

»PATRIOT PROFILE: STEFANI WEBB



Patriot Profile will feature a different outstanding Patriot each issue, chosen by the Patriot Talon sports staff.

Coach: Stefani Webb
Sport: Women's Soccer
Hometown: Dallas, Texas

Webb is now in her ninth year as head coach of the women's soccer team and has a record of 102-40-11 overall. With a 3-0 start to the season, Webb looks for her team to continue their success as they enter conference play later this month.

Q: What was it like to get your 100th victory in the season opener against Hendrix? To be honest, I didn't even know I had until after the game. The girls are playing phenomenal right now and having a blast doing it.

Q: What motivates you to be the best coach you can be? My kids. I think if you do this for a living and are blessed enough to just be around the kids you're going to get in your program, they feed you, they give you energy. They don't accept mediocrity.

Q: Do you have a specific style to the way you coach? The first word that comes to mind is passionate. I think that everyone that watches me coach sees my energy. We're disciplined, but at the same time we are very energetic, and a hardworking team.

Q: What do you want to accomplish this season?

I want us to play with the talent that we have. When you coach here, you coach here to win championships. We're trying to win.

The King Campbell Spectacular -
1st/3 Teams

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In the first half, the Patriots had many scoring chances.

Seven minutes into the half, Johnson sailed the ball over the cross bar.

This was one of many chances that the University had in the first half.

With about 10 minutes left in the half, sophomore Nikki

Johnson were not able to capitalize again.

Having plenty of possession and shots, the Patriots were able to close out the game with the second shutout of the season. The women return to action on Friday when they travel to San Antonio to face Trinity University.

However, two minutes later, Selisch was able to take advantage of senior goalkeeper Lance Quini coming off his line to clear a ball that was in between the nearest defender and Quini.

Quini sent the ball to mid-field and Selisch sent the ball over his head, giving Whitworth a 2-1 advantage.

opportunities, thanks in part to AC goalkeeper Andrew Celio.

The game ended in 0-0 draw after regulation and 20 minutes of overtime.

The men now have a record of 0-0-2.

Their next game will be at Rhodes College in Conway, Ark. on Sept. 14th.

ONLINE

Check out the full video
interview of Coach Webb at
www.patriottalon.com

Cross country teams start strong

Bryan Savens
Sports Editor

The University men's cross country team competed in the UT Tyler Invitational on Friday and finished first overall.

Senior Nick Huff placed first individually with a time of 16:17.10, narrowly beating two runners from Southern Arkansas University by one second after coming from behind in the final stretch of the course.

With three top-five finishes and an overall score of 30 points, the Patriots won by a relatively close margin, beating Southern Arkansas by three points.

Wiley College, East Texas Baptist University and LeTourneau University finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

Senior Jason Hamilton finished fourth overall, followed by fifth-place finisher and fellow teammate Ford Noack.

Hamilton finished with a time of 16:25.26 while Noack finished with a time of 16:25.66.

Sophomore Matthew Markert cracked the top-10 with an eighth-place finish with a time of 16:31.90, followed closely by senior Derek Blain who finished 12 scoring a time of 16:58.01.

This is the second straight first-place finish for Patriot men, having won their first meet of the season on Aug. 30.

Hamilton expressed his excitement for the season and how the team is looking at the start of the season.

"Everyone thinks we have a shot of making it to nationals and that would be a first for UT Tyler cross country," Hamilton said. "That's what we're hoping for."

The Patriot women finished second overall that night behind a solid second place finish by junior transfer Carly Kitts.

Kitts finished with a time of 19:46.56, nearly 10 seconds better than third-place runner Virginia Ney from Southern



TALON PHOTO BY BRYAN SAVENS

Senior Missy Hebert runs the last stretch of trail at the UT Tyler Invitational on Sept. 6.

Arkansas.

Southern Arkansas took home top honors Friday with six top-10 finishes and a total score of 23.

Sophomore Brittany Brunson placed fifth overall with a time of 20:25.17, while senior Missy Hebert finished 10th with a time of 21:11.21 and Lauren Halliday placed 14th at 21:50.35.

Head coach Bob Hepler took to his bicycle and led the runners through the trails in order to clarify the parameters of the course, as well as provide a laugh or two before competition with a few "Braveheart" comparisons.

Hepler has high hopes for both the men's and women's teams early in the season and has faith they can live up to expectations.

"We want to get top-two in the region for the men and we want to get at least top-10 in the region for women," Hepler said. "We want to win the conference and I don't see why we couldn't do that."

The Patriot men are currently ranked seventh in the region and look to improve that pre-season standing moving forward, but for Hepler, the current standings mean very little.

"It means absolutely nothing," Hepler said. "I won't even look at the standings until October."

The next time the men and women will compete will be in the East Texas Cross Country Invite in New Summerfield on Sept. 21, giving each team about a week and a half to prepare and build on their successful start to the 2013 season.

Sweep, Sweep

Volleyball wipes the floor at invitational, Patriot players take individual honors

Bryan Savens
Sports Editor

The volleyball team improved their record to 6-1 and had a very successful weekend, winning all four games they played.

Not only did they win, they swept every game, winning every set.

The Patriots won their first game against Centenary College 3-0 on Friday at noon, followed by another 3-0 victory against Belhaven University later that day.

On Saturday, the team faced Rhodes College, winning 3-0.

They took the first set 25-7 and followed it up in the next two sets with a 25-20 second set and 25-15 in the third, clinching the set.

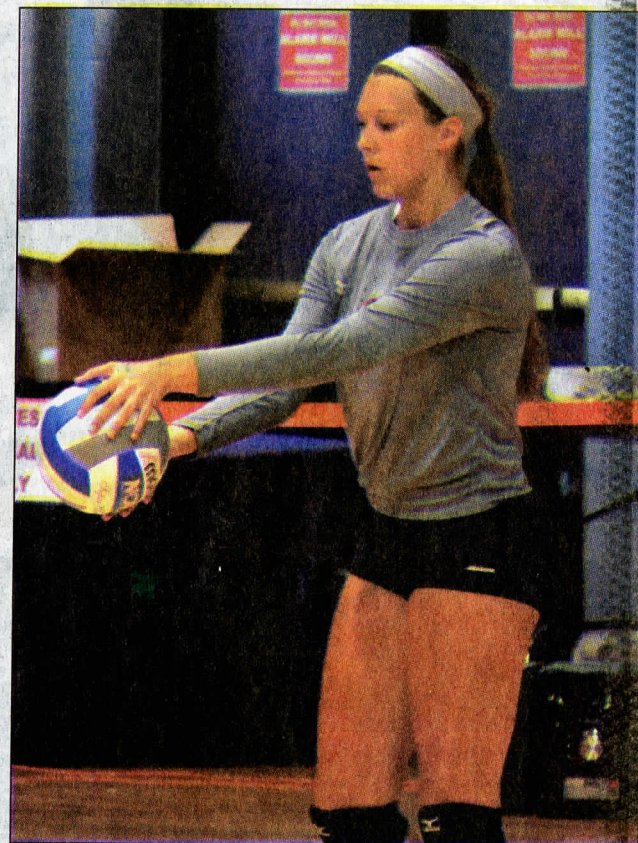
Later that day in the final match, the Patriots dominated Jarvis Christian College with a win in all three sets with the scores of 25-9, 25-13 and 25-16.

Junior Breanna Brummett was awarded the Most Valuable Player award for the invitational, an award that is voted on by the eight head coaches at the invite.

Two more Patriots were awarded the honor of All-Invite team, sophomore Rachael Harvey and freshman Hali Williams, rounding out an impressive weekend by the team.

Sophomore Logan Smoak talked about her experience on the team and having such a successful start to the season.

"It's a huge privilege. This is like my second family," Smoak said. "I'm thinking that we're going to go into conference strong, a lot of wins under our belt and we should be playing good."



TALON PHOTO BY BRYAN SAVENS

Junior Breanna Brummett prepares for a serve in a game against Rhodes College in the UT Tyler Invitational on Sept. 6. Brummett was voted Most Valuable Player by the eight head coaches at the tournament.

Hopefully we advance to the conference tournament and then win conference."

Junior Kayte Stein talked about the youth this team has and about how it translates to on-court success.

"I think by having a young team you can mold the underclassmen to be on the right path," Stein said. "From this year to last year, I feel way more confident in our talent."

I just feel differently, I feel like we actually have a chance to make it to the conference tournament and that we will sweep a lot of people this year."

The Patriots will travel to Memphis, Tenn. for the Rhodes College Invitational on Sept. 14-15 to keep their sweep streak alive and continue to improve their already impressive record.

\$10 million spent for 'Academic Facebook'

Nizia Alam
Campus Editor

University students now have access to MyEdu that aims to helping students achieve both their academic and career goals.

In 2011, the University of Texas System Board of Regents made the one-time investment of \$10 million which allows use of customized software by all UT students, according to the UT System's "2011: A Year in Review."

This investment cost the system about \$47 per student, and the system receives a 22 percent equity stake in MyEdu as an additional benefit, according to the document.

It is a way for students to help track and plan their education and increase their visibility to national employers, according to the UT System review.

MyEdu only recently added the student profile and MyEdu for employers to help students with the career side.

In the student profile section students use tiles to visually represent their skills, projects, courses and work experiences.

There are 1,157 University students (on Tyler campus) who have signed up as members for the site and out of those 897 have created profiles.

"I like the fact that they have the tiles and that you can pick what you want. I like the way it was set up. It was easy to work," Jas McGlothlin, freshman nursing major said.

Students are able to look for jobs and internships on the site. McGlothlin looked for internships in neonatal nursing in the area, but did not find any results.

She signed up as part of her PASSages class. She said she will use the site, even after the class is over.

"I'm glad he [PASSages instructor] told me about it or I wouldn't have even known where to start to look for internships," McGlothlin said.

Marilyn Albert, director of career services believes the service is a more interactive way for employers to find employees and vice versa.

"It's kind of the social media that's focused on all the good stuff you do," Albert said.

The site is free for students. However, employers must pay for the site.

Most of the employers on the site are from across the country which expands more opportunities for students, Albert said.

When employers are looking for candidates they look for specific skills, Albert said. She said the system will look at the entire database and find a student that matches up. Also students, themselves can search the database for corporations.

"It's not going to search by what school you went to or by what courses you took. Just that one skill. It will bring up your information and other students information from across the nation," Albert said.

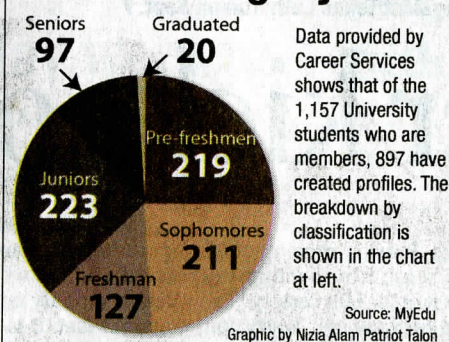
Albert recommends students create as many tiles as possible to increase the chance of being seen by employers.

Students can customize their privacy settings to disclose as much information as they want to the public and employers.

The screenshot shows a student profile with several tiles:

- MAJOR**: Mass Communication
- THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS TYLER**: 2016
- SOPHOMORE**: Represented by a person icon in a shield.
- DEGREE PROGRESS**: 25% COMPLETE (represented by a circular progress bar).
- CAREER STATUS**: Are you looking for work? (represented by a plus and a magnifying glass icon).
- WORK EXPERIENCE**: What's your most recent job or internship? (represented by a plus and a briefcase icon).
- PROJECTS**: Show off your hard work. (represented by a plus and a paperclip icon).
- I'D LIKE TO WORK IN...**: Tyler, TX

Who's using MyEdu?



Unlike Patriot Jobs, employers must pay for the site. Albert said the fake employers that sometimes show up on Patriot Jobs would not show up on MyEdu.

"It's a good thing because you know it's a bona fide employer. It's been vetted by somebody else," Albert said.

Anita Brown junior communication major believes the program is more beneficial to upperclassmen. She was introduced to MyEdu by Career Services in her Introduction to Public Relations class taught by Chase Ragland. Her class will design a public relations campaign for the product as a project.

"It sounded like something more for seniors who want to go into the job market," Brown said. "Not for freshmen who would go out of the state for a job."

Student Government Association President Michael Suarez described MyEdu as a mix between LinkedIn, the advising center, Facebook and Portfolio 180.

"It's part of that new technology. That new

Students can set up tiles that show off their skills and work experience in the student profile section of MyEdu. Employers and recruiters will see the top eight tiles.

wave of innovation as far as helping students get access to companies," Suarez said.

Suarez, signed up for the online tool but said since he is pre-med it doesn't help with his career goals.

He said the tool will benefit four-year degree students who look for jobs right out of college.

He said the toughest part is that students already have so many logins like Blackboard, myUTTyler and Patriot Email on top of other social media.

"It'll be tough convincing students 'hey let's add this one to the stuff you already have. That will be the transition,'" Suarez said.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

The online tool aims to help students manage their academics. The site is designed to help students record, plan and organize their education.

Dr. Scott Marzilli, assistant vice president for Teaching Innovation and Student Success said the tool will help students keep a "digital footprint" of their time as a University student.

"It's kind of like Facebook but in an academic sense," Marzilli said.

Students can customize their schedules and set up their own personal education plan.

Freshmen going through the Academic Advising Center will be told of the program and given an option to enroll in it.

However, Marzilli said that MyEdu is not a replacement for academic advisers but an additional tool to help students feel more prepared and empowered.

"Instead of going in and saying 'what classes should I take?' Now you can say this is my

plan for this semester. This is the schedule of what I'd like to take," Marzilli said. "It makes the student feel more prepared. Like they're having some ownership over their degree."

Students can also look up courses and see the grade history based on data from past year students who took the same course.

However not everyone agrees with this feature. Dr. Catherine Ross notes that this can be useful but misleading information. Ross teaches British Literature and is a member of University of Texas System Academy of Distinguished Teachers. She has been teaching for 13 years at the University.

"While it's useful for students to know how likely it is to make an A or B or C in the class, I would hope that just tending to GPA isn't what everyone is thinking about," Ross said.

She said she is worried about the little details that a machine can't handle.

"Any kind of machine like that is useful but you need to be sure that everybody relies on their actual human, living, breathing, speaking academic adviser. A person. Not a machine," Ross said.

Ross said MyEdu will be a useful tool if it is used in conjunction with an ongoing relationship with a real professor and adviser but it should be used carefully or it could misrepresented students.

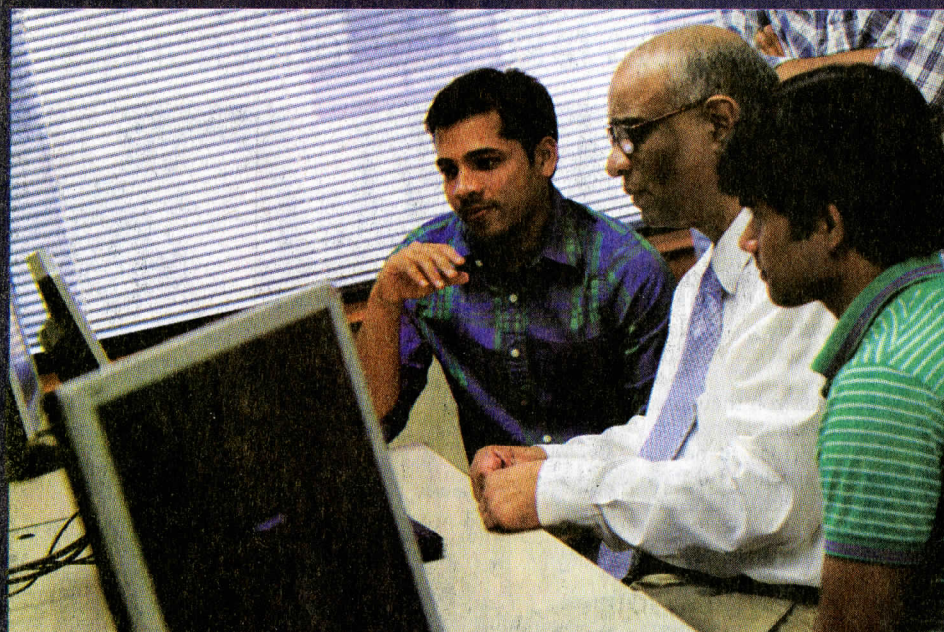
Ross said there is an dehumanizing aspect that tools like MyEdu bring to education.

"Students, classes, teachers and education are all about human beings. And a machine, even a sophisticated database, can be very helpful, but boy you've got to be very careful with it," Ross said.



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